

Remarks

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Willse again for the personal interview granted on September 23, 2008. It is believed that the present supplemental amendment focuses the claims more directly upon the patentable features of the invention, while continuing to distinguish the invention from the prior art.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-8, 10-38, 41, 42, 47, 49, 51, 53, 56, 57, 59, 61, 63, 66, and 77-88 will remain pending in this application. The previous response added claims 77-81 back in from the original patent, and they correspond to claims 1, 2, 9, 14, and 17, respectively. This response also adds claims 82-88, which clarify that the acetabular cup is monolithic. Support appears in the general description of the device, as well as in the figures.

The primary amendments made in this response are to:

- positively recite the “acetabular” cup body in the body of the claims;
- clarify that the inferior flange need not have bone screw receptive openings;
- clarify that the superior and posterior flanges have one or more bone screw receptive openings;
- clarify that the posterior flange extends in a direction more posterior than the superior flange (it need not extend exactly “posterior”);
- clarify that the openings need not have annular reinforcements; and
- clarify that the cement mantle and its flow is not a part of the claimed invention.

A duplicate copy of this response, showing just the amendments made since the previous response marked in **bold** (except that words removed have not been indicated – Applicants

are unsure of how to do that without violating the rules for making amendments in reissue applications), will be faxed directly to the Examiner for convenience.

No new matter has been added. Based on the remarks presented during the Examiner interview and as detailed in Applicants' July 14, 2008 response, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, or there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, he is invited to contact Kristin Crall at 404.815.6147.

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